

The MAAA has successfully concluded a campaign to develop \$1 million to establish the USC MAAA Endowment Fund, and for the 1995–96 academic year, the USC MAAA included graduate students as scholarship recipients for the first time.

Raul has received numerous awards and honors in recognition of his selfless service to our community. Among those have been the Arizona State University Hispanic Alumni Association Recognition Award, the Bishop Amat High School Msgr. Thomas A. Kiefer Humanitarian Award, the TRW Career Opportunities for Youth Award, the Fiesta Educativa Award, the Mexican-American Opportunity Foundation Aztec Award, the National Hispanic Scholarship Fund Hispanic of the Year Award, the National Network of Hispanic Women Leadership Award, and honorary membership to the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers. His membership in professional organizations includes the USC Skull and Dagger Society, the USC Mortar Board, Fiesta Educativa, Inc., Navidad En El Barrio, Ramona Convent High School, The East Los Angeles Community Union Scholarship Committee, McDonald's Scholarship Committee, and staff advisor to the USC Latino Business Student Association.

Raul and his wife, Marcia, currently reside in Upland, CA. Both his daughter, Tracie, and his son, Cesar, followed in their father's footsteps and attended USC.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask my colleagues to rise and join me in paying tribute to my friend, Raul Vargas, a man who has lived his life serving others and creating opportunities for our community's students.

EASTERN BALTIMORE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 1996

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to the Eastern Baltimore Area Chamber of Commerce on its 50th anniversary of outstanding service to the community.

The Eastern Baltimore Area Chamber is one of Maryland's most effective local chambers. In the chamber's early days, it was instrumental in establishing the first public library and first YMCA in Baltimore County. Over the years, the chamber's influence has grown to include its involvement in important policy issues such as critical area legislation and Baltimore County's master plan. In bringing together leaders from business, industry, and the community, the chamber has been at the forefront of economic progress in our area.

In addition, the chamber has been an invaluable resource in helping Baltimore city and Baltimore County businesses expand and grow. From historic preservation, to infrastructure improvements to the health of the Port of Baltimore, the chamber has taken a leading role in fostering a strong economic environment. The chamber's involvement has played a key role in the overall economic health of our entire region.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Eastern Baltimore Area Chamber of Commerce on a job well done. The time and effort put forth by the chamber and its many

members have enabled Baltimore County and Baltimore city to develop into a strong competitive economic region.

THE TRAVEL AND TOURISM PARTNERSHIP ACT

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 1996

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that, yesterday, this body strongly supported H.R. 2579, the Travel and Tourism Partnership Act. This bill will establish a public-private organization to promote the tourism industry, which employs many folks in my district and over 7 million Americans nationwide. By combining public resources and private sector know how, we can find ways to promote tourism in the United States, create jobs and improve our economy.

I suspect that many of my colleagues have not traveled to the Second District, so I want to extend an open invitation to visit some of our public and private attractions such as:

My Old Kentucky Home State Park, located near Historic Bardstown, KY.

We have beautiful vacation areas such as Taylorsville Lake, Rough River Dam Park, Green River Lake, Nolin Lake, Barren River Lake.

Come see the birthplace of one of our greatest Presidents, Abraham Lincoln, which is now a beautiful Federal park, in Hodgenville, KY.

Or you may want to visit the many cave attractions such as Kentucky Down Under and Kentucky Caverns, or the American Cave Museum and Hidden River Cave, and of course, Mammoth Cave in Edmonson County.

The Second District is also home to the one and only Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, the International Bluegrass Museum in Owensboro, and the Museum of Coca-Cola Memorabilia in Elizabethtown.

And you will want to experience Fort Knox, the home of the National Gold Depository and the General Patton Museum.

Two years ago, I used this bill as a model to establish a Travel and Tourism Roundtable within the Second District. Since that time, the roundtable has tried to meet on a quarterly basis, bringing together representatives from tourism associations, commissions, and attractions in the Second District. Our meetings have provided an important forum to discuss initiatives that will collectively promote our beautiful and historic area of Kentucky.

On October 7, our roundtable will host a day long seminar with discussions from national tourism industry representatives, State officials, and local tourism experts. Our seminar will provide an opportunity to discuss positive tourism efforts underway and to share ideas for the future. I am looking forward to this event which, in the spirit of H.R. 2579, will combine private and public tourism interests, establish better working relationships within the industry, and lead to positive solutions to advance tourism throughout the Second District.

Again, I strongly support the creation of a National Travel and Tourism Board to establish on the national level, the same successful cooperation we have seen so far in the Second District.

PUBLIC SERVANT PRAISED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 1996

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in remembrance of Joe H. Golman who passed away September 23, 1996 in Dallas, TX. Mr. Golman was a distinguished member of the Dallas City Council, Texas Legislator, businessman and a religious leader in the Jewish community. At an early age, Mr. Golman brought his vision of public service to the greater Dallas area. A year after losing a council election at the age of 23, Mr. Golman won appointment to the city plan commission. His successful and effective political career continued as he became chairman of the Dallas Zoning Board of Adjustment, city council, deputy mayor pro-tem and the Texas State Legislature where he served with distinction until 1973.

Mr. Golman was also at the forefront of economic development, entrepreneurship and commerce, serving Dallas' food service industry as president of Golman-Hayden, a produce brokerage and consulting service; and president of Circle T Foods Co. He was a member of the Greater Dallas, East Dallas, and Oak Cliff Chambers of Commerce and a member of the Salesmanship Club of Dallas for more than 50 years. Mr. Golman also fulfilled the true measure of leadership: Passing on the torch of leadership to young people in his capacity as a charter member of the Dallas Assembly, which sought to groom young city leaders. Political and business success did not remove his compassion, activity and energy from his religious beliefs. Mr. Golman was a life board member of the Jewish Community Center and as president of the National Jewish Welfare Board's southern region.

I wish to extend my condolences to his family and his many friends and supporters. Mr. Golman was the epitome of the true public servant and his years of unselfish contributions to the political, business, and religious environments of Dallas are very much appreciated by its citizens. His work will be sorely missed, but not forgotten.

RELEASE OF OBSERVER REPORT ON BOSNIAN ELECTIONS

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 27, 1996

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today the Helsinki Commission, which I Chair, is releasing its staff election observer report on one of the most important international events of the year—the September 14 elections in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Among their conclusions, the Commission staff state the following:

The elections cannot be considered free and fair, and were held prematurely because of limited international support for existing peacekeeping burdens.

The campaign period detracted the most from the election process, due to a lack of freedom of movement, association and expression, as well as the continued political activity of persons indicted for war crimes.